

SEEING THE GAS WORKS.

MASSACHUSETTS COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES.

How They Spent the Two Days of Their Stay in Richmond—Visits to the Mayor and Governor—Departure for Washington and Alexandria.

The committee of the Legislature of Massachusetts, who had come here Tuesday afternoon to gather what information they could in regard to the gas works of this city, left last night for home.

The party consisted of thirteen, and night before last they visited the Academy of Music and witnessed the performance.

Early yesterday morning they called on Governor McKimney and were delighted at the cordial reception given them by the Governor. Afterwards they called on Mayor Ellison and heard his side about the gas works.

At 2 o'clock, after having visited the Capitol and other objects of interest thereabout, the committee met at the Exchange Hotel, where they were joined by Messrs. J. Thompson Brown and W. S. Dashiell, whom they examined at length on the workings of the electric light company in this city.

STATEMENTS ABOUT LIGHT.

Mr. Brown made a full, complete and lucid statement as to the lighting of the city. After Mr. Dashiell made a statement, and later on a handsome lunch was partaken of by those present, and then a carriage ride was taken over the city.

The visitors went first to the Jeff Davis mansion, from there to General Lee's residence, on Franklin street; to P. H. Mayo's factory, where they were met by Mr. C. E. Wingo. Next they visited Allen & Ginter's establishment, Gamble's Hall, the Lee monument, the new Masonic Temple, on Broad street.

They drove down Broad street to the new City Hall, to Monumental church, and from there to Church Hill, stopping at St. John's church, Chimbrazo Park, Libby Hill, down to Main street, to Washington's headquarters and back to the Exchange Hotel. At 7 o'clock they went to the Union depot to take the train to Washington.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Senator McDonald, who is the chairman of the committee, is a prominent Democrat in Massachusetts, a young man and a gentleman of decided force.

Mr. J. A. Gilbert is well known as the president of an electric light company in Boston.

Mr. Donahoe is a representative of the Boston Gas Company.

Mr. C. G. Davis is sergeant-at-arms of the Massachusetts Legislature. He is very much like Congressman Bowdoin in personal appearance.

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THE ENGLISHMAN'S CASE.

Correspondence Between Governor McKimney and Mr. Blaine.

Following is a copy of Hon. James G. Blaine's letter, written February 15th, to Governor McKimney, in behalf of Frank Morgan, an Englishman whom the Governor refused to pardon.

"Sir,—The British Minister has brought to my attention a copy of a petition addressed to you on the 7th instant by Mr. William H. Osborne, of 64 Pine street, New York, in behalf of Frank Morgan, an Englishman, who is now undergoing a sentence of imprisonment of eighteen months in the Virginia penitentiary at Richmond for a homicide arising out of a quarrel and affray.

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"This measure is desired in the first place more for the effect which it would have upon the young man's future than for the purpose of relieving him from the brief remainder of his term of imprisonment.

"In the absence of any statement as to whether he should be released without delay, an avenue to employment in Ireland will be open to him, which will be closed if he cannot immediately enter it.

"It is well understood that the case is not one of the kind which would be proper for the Government of the United States to interpose with official advice or suggestion, and for this reason the representations of the British Minister have assumed the form of personal appeals. However, since the case is of this kind, I feel it my duty to express my opinion, and to state that I am not in a position to exercise executive clemency in this case, and that your Excellency may exercise clemency if you should feel yourself so justified in doing so.

"I urge this more willingly because of the readiness with which the British Government has responded to similar requests made by the Government of the United States, and because of the fact that the case is one in which executive clemency could be exercised without violating justice."

THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

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CULINARY ART PUPILS.

SIGHTS IN MRS. CRINGAN'S COOKING SCHOOL.

Most of the Scholars Married Ladies—Discussion of Soups, Coffee, Sweetbreads, Croquettes, Etc., and the Way They Should be Made.

Go down a flight of stone steps, look through the little holes of the lace curtain hanging over the glass door and you see a cooking school in full blast right here in Richmond.

In the antique ages somebody said once that the way to a man's heart was through his stomach, and though this may not be true, still it is recognized that

"We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends, we may live without love; But civilized man cannot live without cooks."

In that basement, No. 319 east Franklin street, Mrs. John W. Cringan teaches the culinary art to quite a number of fair pupils. As the embarrassed reporter entered yesterday he found seated around the rooms about fifteen ladies. Most of them are married and represent the wealth and culture of this city.

Bonnets had been removed, and over the street dress was a dainty white apron. Each had a pencil and a notepad and Mrs. Cringan was dishing out their recipes.

In the middle of the room a large gasoline stove sat on one side of a table covered with cooking utensils. On the other stood a large shelving and on the wall a number of implements necessary to wrestle with the art gastronomic.

The first subject taught yesterday was the making of sweetbreads and croquettes. Mrs. Cringan delivered quite a lecture on the subjects.

Soon women were turned into actions, and notebooks were dropped. A croquette, or several of them, had to be made, and the ladies began the battle. Pretty pink hands wrestled with flour, while others were equally diligent with meat. Several were rapidly turned up and down, and handkerchiefs lifted flying, and hot water.

Soon the consummation wished for was arrived at, and the croquettes were pronounced successes. Many were eaten while "dress talk" was going on, and soon the class was in the consummation, figuratively speaking, for the next subject discussed was soup.

Every kind of soup was told of by Mrs. Cringan. How to prepare it, how much of beef to use in one sort, and how much water in another. How to make some soups fashionable and how much like thick soups. What ingredients are in mock turtle and how St. Julien is made. How to curdle split pea soup and how to wrestle with the ingredients of terrapin. What "stock" is for soup, how to make it and how to probe into the recesses of consummation.

They were all present in name. All were mentioned, and for an hour recipes were written with the rapidity credited to Nellie Bly.

Pencils flew over paper with the celerity of autotype and soon the Seventh street hill, and enough knowledge was imbibed of soup to make all present connoisseurs.

Next coffee came up for consideration, and soon the air was filled with the delicious aroma of Mocha and drip coffee, and the girls were turning up and down, and water was spluttering over the gasoline stove.

As soon as the coffee was done, wafers, light as air and transparent, were brought in, and with dainty china cups the class again went into an excellent session on what to wear and how to wear it.

Mrs. Cringan is doing a good work, a work that will be appreciated by all the male relatives of her pupils especially, and her competency and knowledge of the art makes her one of the best of teachers.

She has classes twice a week, and on Monday afternoon next will begin a new class. There are two branches of the school—one class is taught what is known as plain cooking, while the other partake of knowledge as to delicate and elegant dishes.

Mrs. Cringan has all the necessary utensils for cooking, is an affable and pleasant speaker, and takes pride in her pupils. The latter are very apt, and soon the cooks in their own right will be able to do a class—that is, if they can—by the happy consummations made by their mistresses in the culinary art.

MILITARY PROTECTION WANTED.

Humor that Prisoners at Abingdon are to Be Released.

Governor McKimney was the recipient yesterday of several telegrams caused by a threatened rescue of three prisoners from the jail at Abingdon.

The men were arrested about three weeks ago charged with horse-stealing. They belong to the notorious Wright and Potter gangs of Kentucky, and it is said are wanted in Tennessee for murder.

Information was received Tuesday afternoon at Abingdon from Russell county that the Kentucky outlaws were on their way to release their friends.

Governor McKimney Tuesday night received the following telegram from John C. Summers, Commonwealth's attorney of Washington county: "Send fifty stand of arms and thousand cartridges by express to-night. Threatened rescue of prisoners by McCoy gang. Particulars by mail."

The Governor will be asked to order the General to reply as follows: "Arms not on hand. Let sheriff of the county if necessary, summon Captain C. L. Teaney, commanding Pulaski Guard, at Pulaski City, to bring his company to Abingdon. See section 369 of the Code."

His Excellency yesterday morning received a telegram from the sheriff at Abingdon: "Will summon Washington Rifles, Captain Watson, if permitted. Answer."

"Washington Rifles cannot be summoned as a military company, not having been mustered into service, but they may be summoned as a civil posse. See section 297 of the Code."

But a short time ago were the Washington Rifles permitted to organize, and are now going through with the details necessary before they can be mustered into service. This being the case the Governor could not order them out as a military company. Should an organization that has been mustered into service shoot the invaders down they would receive the protection of the law, which could not be extended to a company in the condition of the Rifles.

At a late hour last night the Governor had received no further telegrams.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Many Items of Interest About People and Incidents.

Mr. Jack English, of Randolph & English, who has been sick for about ten days, was able yesterday to appear at his place of business again for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Straus will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Saturday night at Belvidere Hall.

Judge W. S. Barton, of Fredericksburg, will commence a special term of the Chancery Court to-day for Judge Leake.

A call of communication of Richmond Lodge, No. 10, A. F. and A. M., was held last night. The Third degree was conferred.

The Council Committee on Fire Department met yesterday afternoon and transacted routine business.

Mrs. Robert C. Morton and Miss Morton will receive their friends this evening from 6 to 8.

C. E. Wingo to John S. Elliott, 26 feet of land with improvements, on the north side of Main street, next to the corner of Eighth, \$10,000.

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TURF NEWS.

Entries and Results of the Races at Gutterburg and Other Places.

The entries for the Gutterburg races to-day are:

First race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling—Karlina, Comdum, 114; Royalist, Ilspont, 101; Clara Porter, 98; Little Bess, 92.

Second race, five and one-half furlongs, selling—Village Maid, 104; Gracie M., 101; Mary Courty, 98; Insight, 95; Annie M., Lady E., Electricity, 92.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile—Gloss, 119; Mamie B., 110; Bessie K., 106; Catharine B., Lemon, Peril, 105; Fernwood, 99.

Fourth race, one mile, handicap—Rancocas, 115; Belle O'R., Autocrat, 112; Fenelon, 110; Joe Courtney, 108; King Erie, 98; Salvini, 107; Mischief, 112; Glenmont, 88.

Fifth race, five and one-half furlongs, selling—Glenmont, 116; Vigil, 111; Miss Williams, 106; Ruth, 104; Glitter II., Climax, Goldstep, Servia, 100.

Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile—Buckskin, 110; Mary B., Defaulter, 112; Facial B., John Jay S., Harry Ireland, 103; Innocence, 106.

First race, three-fourths of a mile—Stoneington first, Winona second, Craft third. Time, 1:20.34.

Second race, six and one-half furlongs—Fenelon first, Jack Rose second, Trestle third. Time, 1:26.54.

Third race, one mile—Armet first, Harry Ireland second, Dundee third. Time, 1:50.74.

Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile—Dixie first, Ed Elm second, Ozon third. Time, 1:07.54.

Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile—Speculation first, Patti second, Affinity third. Time, 1:05.54.

Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile—Latina first, Mr. George second, Duke John third. Time, 1:34.

First race, one and one-quarter miles—Forum first, Prodigal second, Jackstaff third. Time, 2:27.

Second race, five and one-half furlongs—Concor first, Mashie second, White Nose third. Time, 1:01.

Third race, six furlongs—Appomattox first, Alderman Mac second, India Rubber third. Time, 1:25.54.

Fourth race, seven and one-half furlongs—Kyrle B. first, Jubilee second, Prodigal Son third. Time, 1:48.54.

Fifth race, six and one-half furlongs—Tom Kears first, Brewster second, Macgregor third. Time, 1:45.

Sixth race, one and one-half furlongs—Lorillard first, Fleetwood second, Hystorie third. Time, 1:11.54.

BOWLING GREEN.

Entertainment by the Phi Alpha Literary Society—A Quiet Wedding.

A very entertaining concert was given at the Bowling Green Seminary last Monday by the Phi Alpha Literary Society. The programme was as follows: Piano duet, Mrs. Rowe and Miss Clara Wright; tableau, boating scene, "The Boatmen," Mrs. Rowe and Miss Clara Wright; piano, pantomime, "Love in Ambush," Miss Maggie Dennis; Professor Downing and Mr. Valentine; recitation, Miss Ethel Palmer Fair, in costume; Miss Pearl Vaden, "Fame," Miss Lillian Wilson, "Love in Ambush," Miss Maggie Dennis; piano, "The Boatmen," Mrs. Rowe and Miss Clara Wright; piano, pantomime, "Love in Ambush," Miss Maggie Dennis; Professor Downing and Mr. Valentine; recitation, Miss Ethel Palmer Fair, in costume; Miss Pearl Vaden, "Fame," Miss Lillian Wilson, "Love in Ambush," Miss Maggie Dennis; piano, "The Boatmen," Mrs. Rowe and Miss Clara Wright; piano, pantomime, "Love in Ambush," Miss Maggie Dennis; Professor Downing and Mr. Valentine; recitation, Miss Ethel Palmer Fair, in costume; Miss Pearl Vaden, "Fame," Miss Lillian Wilson, "Love in Ambush," Miss Maggie Dennis